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# Colo Soccer Football Club Player Code of Conduct

## Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure that all players:

- Enjoy the game safely and fairly.
- Treat all participants with respect, dignity, and in accordance with Safeguarding standards.
- Comply with the rules, the spirit of soccer, and Club policies.

This Code applies to all players when attending training sessions, matches, and any events organised by or representing Colo SFC.

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## 1. General Behaviour

- Play by the rules as enforced by the match official.
- Play for the enjoyment of the game safely and fairly.
- Show respect for all officials. Do not argue, confront, or verbally abuse referees, match officials, or other participants.

*If you disagree with a decision, speak with your captain, coach, or manager after the game. Nobody is permitted to take the field post-match to approach an official.*

- Do not enter the field without invitation.
  - Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays, whether made by your team or the opposition.
  - Cooperate with coaches, teammates, officials, and opponents.
  - Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all participants, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ability, ethnicity, cultural background, or religion.
  - Do not physically or verbally abuse, intimidate, ridicule, or harass anyone associated with the sport. *This includes all forms of electronic and social media communication (players, coaches, managers, parents, referees, officials, committee members, spectators, etc.).*
  - Do not do anything to cause Colo Soccer Football Club damage or bring the Club into disrepute – including when wearing Colo Cougars gear in public spaces.
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## 2. Commitment to the Team

To maximise your opportunity for participation and enjoyment:

- Attend all training sessions and arrive on time unless prior arrangements have been made.
  - Show respect to the coach, manager, and fellow team members.
  - Arrive at the ground prior to the game at the time requested by your coach or manager.  
*If running late, provide courtesy notice via phone call or text message.*
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## 3. Compliance

- Agree to pay any fines or penalties incurred, whether on or off the field, in accordance with Club, League, or Association rules.
  - Follow all Club policies, FFA, FNSW, Play by the Rules, Good Sports Australia, and Safeguarding Australia standards.
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## 4. Player Acknowledgement

All players are required to acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to comply with this Code of Conduct.

Failure to adhere may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion from the Club.

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